

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

515 Silver Avenue - North Richmond, CA 94801

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. Karen Garcia, and Dr. Henry Clark were present. Don Gilmore, Annie King-Meredith, Lily Rahnema, and Beverly Scott were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda and minutes were reviewed by board members present. They could not be approved, due to lack of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regina Cuevas/NR Resident: Speaks on landlord raising apartment rent in the neighborhood. Asking for rent increase protections and code inspections.

The residence is located at 417 Verde Avenue. Rent has increased by \$850 in the last two years. She also requests to get on the Heritage Point list and be connected with Don Gilmore. Robert says we will come up with resources for Ms. Cuevas, Karen and Tania will communicate in the Spanish Language with Ms. Cuevas.

LaShanda White, Administrative Chief/City Manager Office/City of Richmond:

Reports of various programs and happenings in the City. An old car trade in is being sponsored. Solar programs are being offered, to home owners. The city is banning the sale of plastic straws. LaShanda said that there is a recent article in the S. F. Business Times, featuring an article pertaining to Richmond and NR.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS

Officer Culberson and Officer Duran/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for the month of June 2019. Crime has dropped down, by an extremely large percentage.

Two major crimes occurred in the area, commercial burglary, and domestic violence.

The commercial issue was located on Parr. Problems at 1725 Fourth Street, a housing authority property. At the Parkways Estates, there are problems with the street sweeping signs, and illegal parking. Deputies says that they will respond.

As a result of a recent street sweep of abandoned vehicles, parked on NR streets, the law enforcement agencies had (37) vehicles removed from the streets of NR.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED

Officer Anderson/RPD: Reporting for the month of June 2019. Crime is down in NR on the city side. There have been thief's from commercial business and residence. Thief's of car parts such as, batteries, catalytic converters, personal items from inside the cars. Transit population is likely the culprit. City of Richmond is setting a good no homicide rate.

July 3rd, the City's firework show at the Marina. Hoping to have the least of problems with illegal fireworks.

PRESENTATIONS and Proclamations

LaShanda White/City of Richmond--Department of Children

LaShanda says that the City of Richmond Department of Children and Youth needs you. Funding was established for this department in 2018. It cost \$250,000 and \$700,000 to develop the project. On 7/1/21 funding will start to go out. Youth Development is a landmark achievement for the City of Richmond.

First order of business is to create a 15-member oversight board. Residents are being encouraged to join the Inaugural Richmond Fund and Children and Youth Oversight Board. This board helps to guide funding for youth-serving organizations, in Richmond and North Richmond. residents over the age of 15 - 24 are eligible to apply, two-year terms.

Applications are now available, apply online at: www.richmondyouth.org or visit 450 Civic Center Plaza (3rd floor) to pick up English and Spanish applications. Application Deadline: August 30, 2019.

Princess Robinson - filling in for DeAndre Evans, the new director of the farm.

Announcing that she will no longer be the director at the garden. CSA box waiting list for fresh fruits and vegetables is now open, as is entrepreneurship program. Over the last eight years during the summer, (40) youths were employed at the farm. Eight to ten youths were employed this year.

Andre is putting together a community talent show, at the farm. Auditions are being held July 18th and 19th.

Princess is working on the project: Beautify Wildcat Creek, they are in the process of going into the action plan, in August. Has started working with other organizations, to strengthen the project. Business owners and entrepreneurs, no matter how small, should contact Urban Tilth for capital support. A resident recommends the Lindsay Wildlife Museum as a potential partner in creek work.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Max Slendebroek/Lumber Yard Owner--Report from applicant for proposed development project on 541 Davila Road: Mr. Slendebroek and family are long time lumber yard owners in the Bay Area/Albany CA. He is looking to expand business operations, at the site listed above.

Currently they are working with Redwood and Cedar. They try to reduce landfill waste by repurposing wood. This is a green business, electric charging stations, fleet and forklifts.

At Davila, it is currently a concrete contractor yard. They want to go in, create a garden wall. They want to work on the lumber at this site, the lumber will be air dried. Solar panels will be installed at the site. There is a house on the land, and they want to use it for employee housing. Also use half of an acre of the site for gardening, goats and chickens. There will be three large trucks per month, approximately, making deliveries.

Plan on hiring Richmond residents. Can use the garden area for local children and Verde School. Want to be responsible business and member of the community and support community projects when possible.

The current land use has had the use of diesel trucks. This new use is a more benign use. Could employ up to 12 people, probably 3-4 to start. Low qualifications', but physically demanding. They plan on this being a benign use and a buffer between here and more industrial uses.

Dr. Clark asks Robert to find out if there is any talk of changing zoning in the area. Also, about contaminated dirt and school land. Wants to know how soil testing occurs.

Murray: yes, the future of zoning is an important consideration.

MRMAC Members express concern over use of land near school. Applicant points out that this low intensity use would be a good buffer between the school and other sites with industrial uses.

One resident speaks up about wanting to rezone ae to stop industrial uses.

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OTHER AGENCY/PROGRAM REPORTS

Robert Rogers, District Coordinator/Supervisor John Gioia's Office:

Robert gives report of upcoming community events. North Richmond's 9th Annual Fourth of July Festival and Parade, scheduled for July 4th. At 11:00 a.m. the parade starts at the corner of 5th and Chesley and ends at the corner of Fred Jackson Way.

Free bbq, school supplies/backpacks, clothes, and more.

This event is hosted by Eleanor Thompson, Social Progress Inc.

July 20th, North Richmond 10th Annual Music Festival, location Shield's and Reid Park, 1410 Kelsey Street, Richmond CA, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tania Pulido, Community Service Coordinator/CHDC (Mitigation Fee Funded):

Tania reports on community wide cleanup, that was conducted on June 29th.

There were 42 dumpsters, filled with household discards. The next free dump event:

The Willie Spears Cleanup, is going to be held in September.

The North Richmond Green Newsletter is out, Community Day at North Richmond's Hope Garden, every 4th Saturday of the month. June 22, July 27, and August 24th.

The Watershed Project transformed NR residents' sidewalks with drought tolerant plants for free. If you want to learn more about this program contact:

paula@thewatershedproject.org

Free landfill vouchers are being offered, to dispose your trash at the Golden Bear Transfer Center of Parr Blvd. Contact Janie Holland (510) 260-0005. Residents are also eligible for one free bulky item pick-up. Contact: Republic Services at (510) 262-7100.

Karen Garcia/Healthy Richmond: Karen Garcia recently met with RYSE and worked on the idea of building a youth center here in North Richmond.

Stephanie Ny, Director/Love Your Block: Working with UC Berkeley YPlan, which will do a community service project this summer, (100) students from Japan will join us on July 29th, for a day of action to implement ideas from Verde students. One site is Market and Fred Jackson Way. Another site is just south of Wildcat Creek on Fred Jackson Way. Next site is the cull de sac on the north end of Truman. Another mural is planned for the North Richmond area.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2019/5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m./515-- Silver Ave. - Richmond, CA

